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Water & Waste Disposal Loan Approved for Jackson County

Morgantown, WV – May 2, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III, today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan of \$2,000,000 for the City of Ravenswood, Jackson County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to extend the City's existing wastewater collection system to provide service to the annexed area known as Jackson Crossing and also to the Silverton Public Service District. The project will involve the construction of two lift stations, 11,300 feet of force main and necessary appurtenances.

"This project will benefit approximately six new commercial and residential customers in Jackson County," stated Steptoe.

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